

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to delete method (2). Claims 5-9 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4 will be all the claims pending in the application.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except (i) that Claims 5-9 must be cancelled and (ii) that Claim 1 must be amended to delete the method (2).

In response, Applicants have in the present Amendment amended Claim 1 to delete method (2) and canceled Claims 5-9, as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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